

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

1 - No FDA pay - yes

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

About 15 yrs ago I went to a Doctor because I had a problem hearing. He recommended a hearing aid. I waited another year before getting one where I got the aid, ^{Dr.} insisted I have an examination. It cost me 50.00 but he did a ^{good examination}

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

About 8 years ago I replaced the first hearing aids. Again the supplier of the aid wanted a doctors approval. I went to a Dr in Hinsdale I sat in the chair to be examined for about 20 min. He finally came in, looked in my ears. Total exam time about 15 seconds. The charge was \$100.00

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Answer is **NO!**
NO! NO!

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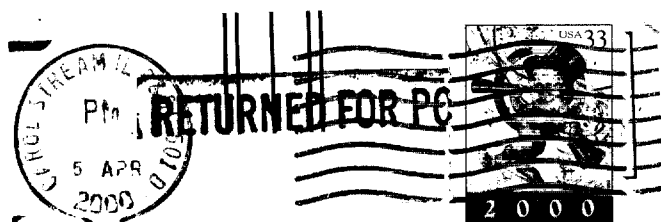
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